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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

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On page 1, line 15, under the "Priority Claim" section, please add the following:

--This application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application Serial No. 08/912,445 titled "Embedded Graphical Programming System" and filed on August 18, 1997, whose inventors are Jeffrey L. Kodosky, Darshan Shah, Samson DeKey, and Steve

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**IN THE CLAIMS:** 

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